



# City of Ridgecrest Police Department

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## Press Release

**DATE OF INCIDENT:** APRIL - 2016  
**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** DUI CHECKPOINTS/DUI SATURATION PATROLS  
**LOCATIONS:** VARIOUS WITHIN THE CITY OF RIDGECREST

The Ridgecrest Police Department will be conducting DUI/Drivers License checkpoints at undisclosed locations within the city limits along with special DUI Roving Saturation Patrols during the month of April.

- DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint is set for 04/01/16, from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.
- Roving DUI Saturation Patrols will be deploying on 04/01/16 from 11:00 pm to 3:00 am.
- DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint is set for 04/22/16, from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.
- Roving DUI Saturation Patrols will be deploying on 04/22/16 from 11:00 pm to 3:00 am.
- Roving DUI Saturation Patrols will be deploying on 04/29/16 from 7:00 pm to 3:00 am.

In Californian, the deadly crime of DUI has led to 802 deaths because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Alcohol and drug-impaired deaths still make up the largest category of overall vehicle fatalities in 2012 with 29 percent of all deaths caused by a drunk driver. A DUI checkpoint is a proven effective method to lower these numbers. Additionally, drivers will be checked to ensure that they have a valid driver's license. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving.

The Ridgecrest Police Department reminds everyone that they can assist in preventing this crime from ever occurring. If you are planning a gathering or celebration with alcohol included, or if you are out on the town, plan ahead and designate a non-drinking sober driver. A DUI and drug-impaired arrest can costs up to \$10,000 or even more, including time in jail, the loss of your drivers license and high insurance rates.

These enforcement efforts are funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Remember, everyone is encouraged to help keep our roadways safe; Report Drunk Drivers – Call 911!

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